

cated manner and having first and second opposed ends, the first end of the first sheet being removable from the first container through the first opening so as to remove a desired portion of the first sheet from the container, the second end of the first sheet remaining within the container, the first sheet being made of a fluid-impervious material;

a pull tab attached to the first end of the first sheet;

an adhesive layer on the outer surface of the first container; and

a removable protective strip disposed over the adhesive layer, the adhesive layer being exposed upon removal of the protective strip, the adhesive layer being attachable to the upper surface of the operating table to prevent movement of the first container relative thereto.

24. A surgical drape for use in conjunction with an operating table having an upper surface upon which a patient can be placed, comprising:

a first, closed container having a portion defined by scores that can be selectively opened to form a first opening, the first container being of a size and shape such that a patient can be placed atop the first container when the first container is placed on the upper surface, the first container being made of a fluid-impervious material;

a first sheet disposed within the first container, the first sheet being folded within the first container in a plicated manner and having first and second opposed ends, the first end of the first sheet being removable from the first container through the first opening so as to remove a desired portion of the first sheet from the container, the second end of the first sheet remaining within the container, the first sheet being made of a fluid-impervious material;

a pull tab attached to the first end of the first sheet;

a second sheet having first and second opposed ends, the second end of the second sheet being connected to the second end of the first sheet, the second sheet being made of a first ply made of netting material, a second ply made of an absorbent pulp material, and a third fluid-impervious ply, the third ply in use adapted to be in contact with the upper surface of the operating table, the first end of the second sheet being movable relative to the second end of the second sheet so as to expose a desired portion of the second sheet;

a second opening in the first container through which the second end of the second sheet extends into the first container, the second opening being sealed tightly to the second end of the second sheet.

an adhesive layer on either the outer surface of the third ply of the second sheet or the container, or both;

a removable protective strip disposed over the adhesive layer, the adhesive layer being exposed upon removal of the protective strip, the adhesive layer being attachable to the upper surface of the operating table to prevent movement of the second sheet and the container relative thereto; and

a second, closed container within which the first sheet, the first container, and the second sheet are disposed, the second container having a portion that can be selec-

tively opened to permit the contents of the second container to be removed therefrom, the second sheet being folded within the second container in a plicated manner, the second container being made of a material that permits the contents of the second container to remain in a sterilized condition while the second container is unopened.

25. A surgical drape for use in conjunction with an operating table having an upper surface upon which a patient can be placed, comprising:

a first, closed container having a portion defined by scores that can be selectively opened to form a first opening, the first container being of a size and shape such that a patient can be placed atop the first container when the first container is placed on the upper surface, the first container being made of a fluid-impervious material;

a first sheet disposed within the first container, the first sheet being folded within the first container in a plicated manner and having first and second opposed ends, the first end of the first sheet being removable from the first container through the first opening so as to remove a desired portion of the first sheet from the container, the second end of the first sheet remaining within the container, the first sheet being made of a fluid-impervious material;

a pull tab attached to the first end of the first sheet;

a second sheet having first and second opposed ends, the second end of the second sheet being connected to the second end of the first sheet, the second sheet being made of a first ply made of netting material, a second ply made of an absorbent pulp material, and a third ply made of a fluid-impervious material, the third ply in use adapted to be in contact with the upper surface of the operating table, the first end of the second sheet being movable relative to the second end of the second sheet so as to expose a desired portion of the second sheet;

a second opening in the first container through which the second end of the second sheet extends into the first container, the second opening being sealed tightly to the second end of the second sheet.

an adhesive layer on either the outer surface of the third ply of the second sheet or the container, or both;

a removable protective strip disposed over the adhesive layer, the adhesive layer being exposed upon removal of the protective strip, the adhesive layer being attachable to the upper surface of the operating table to prevent movement of the second sheet and the container relative thereto;

a second, closed container within which the first sheet, the first container, and the second sheet are disposed, the second container having a portion that can be selectively opened to permit the contents of the second container to be removed therefrom, the second sheet being folded within the second container in a plicated manner, the second container being made of a material that permits the contents of the second container to remain in a sterilized condition while the second container is unopened;

a third, fluid-impervious sheet having first and second ends, the first end of the third sheet being movable